



PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

**TRANSMITTAL
FORM**

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

7

Application Number

10/677,672

Filing Date

October 2, 2003

First Named Inventor

Norbert Hofmann

Art Unit

3679

Examiner Name

Gregory John Binda

Attorney Docket Number

GKNG 1180 PUS

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached | <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition | <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After Final | <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation | <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request | <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer | Submission of Formal Drawings; Postcard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 | | |
| Remarks | | |

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

| | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|----------|--------|
| Firm Name | Artz & Artz, P.C. | | |
| Signature | | | |
| Printed name | Robert P. Renke | | |
| Date | May 2, 2005 | Reg. No. | 40,783 |

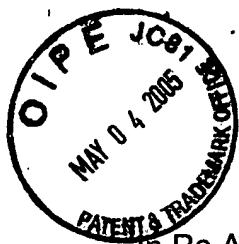
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------|-------------|
| Signature | | | |
| Typed or printed name | Angie Moscovitz | Date | May 2, 2005 |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Norbert Hofmann

Serial No.: 10/677,672

Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: October 2, 2003

Examiner: Gregory John Binda

For: TRIPODE JOINT FOR INCREASED ARTICULATION ANGLES

Attorney Docket No.: GKNG 1180 PUS

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Official Draftsperson, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

May 2, 2005
Date of Deposit

Angie Moscovitz


Signature

SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Official Draftsperson
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed are five (5) sheets of formal drawing containing Figures 1-6B for the above-captioned patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTZ & ARTZ P.C.



Robert P. Renke, Reg. No. 40,723
28333 Telegraph Road, Suite 250
Southfield, MI 48034
(248) 223-9500

Dated: May 2, 2005